

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to incorporate the proper headings under rule 37 CFR 1.97.

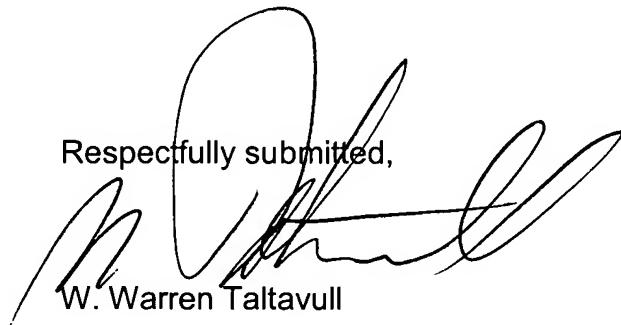
Claims 1, 3 and 12 have been amended to clearly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Regarding claim 4, the limitation "the mounting arrangement" has sufficient antecedent basis found in line 1 of claim 1.

The applicant respectfully traverses the rejections to the claims in view of TURCHAN et al. (US 4,964,766) for the following reasons. TURCHAN et al. discloses an arrangement comprising two vibrations dampers (Column 5 lines 42-63), two spring clamps (Column 5 line 64 to Column 6 line 28) and three locating pin structures (Column 5 lines 1-41 and Column 6 lines 29-58). TURCHAN et al. does not disclose having "three clamp pairs" as claimed in claims 1 and 11.

More importantly, TURCHAN et al. does not disclose "simultaneous machining of opposite faces of a component" as claimed in claims 1 and 11. Additionally, with both an initial and final machining process, with residual stresses released between said machining processes, a more accurate machining of the component is obtained as claimed in claim 12, than if the machining process consisted of only one machining process. With the addition of a machining process, it can be seen that three clamp pairs are essential in securing the component during the machining processes.

Therefore, since TURCHAN et al. does not disclose all the features specified in both independent claims 1 and 11 as illustrated above, the present application is believed to be novel and inventive over TURCHAN et al. All remaining claims are dependent upon claims 1 or 11.

Entry of this amendment is solicited, is believed appropriate, and is believed to distinguish the invention from the cited references. For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance are believed in order and are solicited.

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